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Walker Storz of Lyndon Town School Wins Statewide Spelling Bee

MONTPELIER – Walker Storz of Lyndonville, an eighth-grade student from Lyndon Town School, beat out 34 other local spelling bee champions to win first place in the Vermont State Individual Spelling Bee, the Department of Education announced today.

Students from across Vermont competed at the Theater at St. Michael's College in Colchester on Wednesday. Sierra Markaris of Camels Hump Middle School came in second and Mael Le Scouezec of Craftsbury Academy came in third. Champion Storz will now compete in the Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May.

The bee was sponsored by the Vermont Principals Association, the Vermont Department of Education, the Vermont Humanities Council and the Burlington Free Press. Additional sponsors will aid in funding the trip to Washington for Storz and his family.

Mary Cassarino of Rutland served as pronouncer of the event. Commissioner Richard Cate was on hand to present the awards.

For more information, contact Jill Remick at the Department of Education, or Bob Johnson at the Vermont Principals Association at (802) 229-0547.

Following is a list of all the regional winners who competed in the statewide bee.

<u>School</u>	<u>Student</u>
Albany Community School	Samuel Barbeau
Albert D. Lawton Middle School	Miranda Baker
Barre City School	Long H. Le
Barre Town School	Raquel Norway
Blue Mountain Union School	Taylor Lamberton
Bridport Central School	Amelia Ashley-Selleck
Brookfield School	Ian Kimmel
Browns River Middle School	Sam Lewis
Camels Hump Middle School	Sierra Markaris
Charlotte Central School	Natalie Franklin
Chester-Andover School	Jenn Davidson
Craftsbury Academy	Mael Le Scouezec
Crossett Brook Middle School	Kaile Daley
Danville School	Ryan Clancy
East Haven School	Jacob Wilkens
Edmunds Middle School	Emma Friend
Fayston Elementary School	Sophie Rayfield
Lyman C. Hunt Middle School	Alexander Joyce
Lyndon Town School	Walker Storz
Main Street Middle School	Rachel Ebersole
Neshobe School	Chris Keyes
Richford Middle School	Isaiah Lamos
Rivendell Academy	Meg McCormack
Rutland Intermediate School	Hunter Cole
Shaftsbury Elementary School	Keara Sternberg
Shelburne Community School	Julia Proft
St. Mary's School	Sebastian Huber
Stamford Elementary School	Rikki Brown
Stockbridge Central School	Jessica Chadwell
Stowe Middle School	Hannah Stearns
Swanton Central School	Taylor Marquis
Tunbridge Central School	Benjamin Hayslett-Ubell
Waldon School	Emily Conchran
Waterford School	Brennan Smith
Williston Central School	Hannah Apfelbaum